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LETTER DATED 26 MARCH 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, and with reference to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Iraq contained in Security Council document S/22397, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention.

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the baseless, irresponsible and potentially dangerous allegations contained in the above-mentioned letter. Iran fully observes the terms of cease-fire and has closely monitored the developments in border region in view of the special circumstances inside Iraq and possible abuse of the situation by suspicious elements. I should point out, however, that since the outbreak of recent hostilities between Iraq and the allied forces, there have been frequent instances of technical and in cases serious Iraqi violations of the terms of cease-fire between Iran and Iraq. My Government will, in due course and in line with its past practice, provide the details of these violations which include infiltrations into Iranian territory, violations of airspace and territorial waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran and firing of artillery across the border into Iranian territory.

As I clearly stated in my letter of 22 March 1991 (S/22379), the Islamic Republic of Iran, which pursued a policy of neutrality in the course of the recent war, does not interfere in the internal affairs of Iraq and has rejected the allegations advanced in order to distract international attention from the internal difficulties faced by the Iraqi authorities as well as reports of horrifying measures adopted by Iraqi armed forces against Iraqi civilians.

It will be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
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